

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Fiscal Note Quick Guide

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HB 1219-FN-LOCAL, *relative to the repurchase of tax-deeded property by the former owner and the costs therefor.*

House Municipal and County Government

Pursuant to RSA 80:89, I, when a municipality intends to sell property acquired by tax deed, the municipality must give the prior owner notice of the intended sale 90 days prior to offering the property for sale. The prior owner may then indicate his or her intent to repurchase the property from the municipality.

This bill amends RSA 80:89, II to extend the number of days from 15 to 30 after the notice of intent to repurchase is sent to the municipality for the former owner to pay all back taxes, interest, costs and penalties. If after 30 days all monies are not paid, the municipality may proceed with its offering and dispose of the property without any interest by the former owner.

This bill also repeals RSA 80:90, I(f) relative to an additional 15 percent penalty based on the assessed value of the property that is assessed against the former owner of property who repurchases the property pursuant to RSA 80:89.

This bill will decrease local revenue by an indeterminable amount. When a repurchase of property by a former owner occurs, the payment of a 15 percent penalty is included with the payment for back taxes, interest and any other additional costs incurred by the municipality. Although municipalities report revenue information to the Department, the 15 percent penalty is not separately stated as a revenue item, and thus there is no way for the Department to distinguish the 15 percent penalty from the other revenue reported by the municipalities to the Department.